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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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5 BOUCHER, CHARLES

Serial No. 10/058,622

: Group Art Unit: 1631

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: Examiner: CHANNING MAHATAN

10 For: METHOD FOR EFFECTING COMPUTER IMPLEMENTED DECISION-SUPPORT IN
THE SELECTION OF THE DRUG THERAPY OF PATIENTS HAVING A VIRAL DISEASE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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20 Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated February 24, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period of response set to expire May 24, 2004, Applicant hereby requests
25 reconsideration of the rejections for the reasons given below. This response is being filed within two months of the issuance of the Final Rejection. No fees are believed to be due in connection with this response. However, should it be determined that a fee is due, the Director is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0462. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

30 **A listing of claims showing amendments** begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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